

# Surface and Atmosphere Radiation Budget (SARB)

Clouds and the Earth's Radiant Energy System (CERES)  
Science Team Meeting at Newport News (24-26 April 2007)

**T. P. Charlock** (NASA LaRC)

**Fred G. Rose** (AS&M) *speaks later on “Synoptic” SARB*

**David A. Rutan** (AS&M) *WG presentation on surface albedo*

**Zhonghai Jin** (AS&M) *speaks later on snow grain retrieval*

**. Seiji Kato** (H.U.) - modification of LaRC Fu-Liou code

**Wenying Su** (H.U.) - *speaks later on surface UV and SARB-UKMO GCM*

**Lisa H. Coleman, Thomas E. Caldwell, Scott Zentz** (SAIC) - Data Management

**D. Fillmore, W. Collins** (NCAR) MATCH

**Ken Rutledge** (AS&M) - COVE ocean platform

SARB/SOFA Working Group Wed. AM:

Joint with Cloud WG for Inamdar (GOES LST); separate for surface albedo

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Easy to use subsets of data, on line radiative transfer, ocean albedo tables...

1. Review of Surface and Atmosphere Radiation Budget (SARB) computation
2. Aerosol problems with Aqua CRS Edition 2A; will correct as Ed 2B
3. AOT input check for Terra CRS Ed2B and Aqua CRS Ed2A at SURFRAD sites
4. Surface fluxes: Retrieval vs measurements and measurements vs measurements

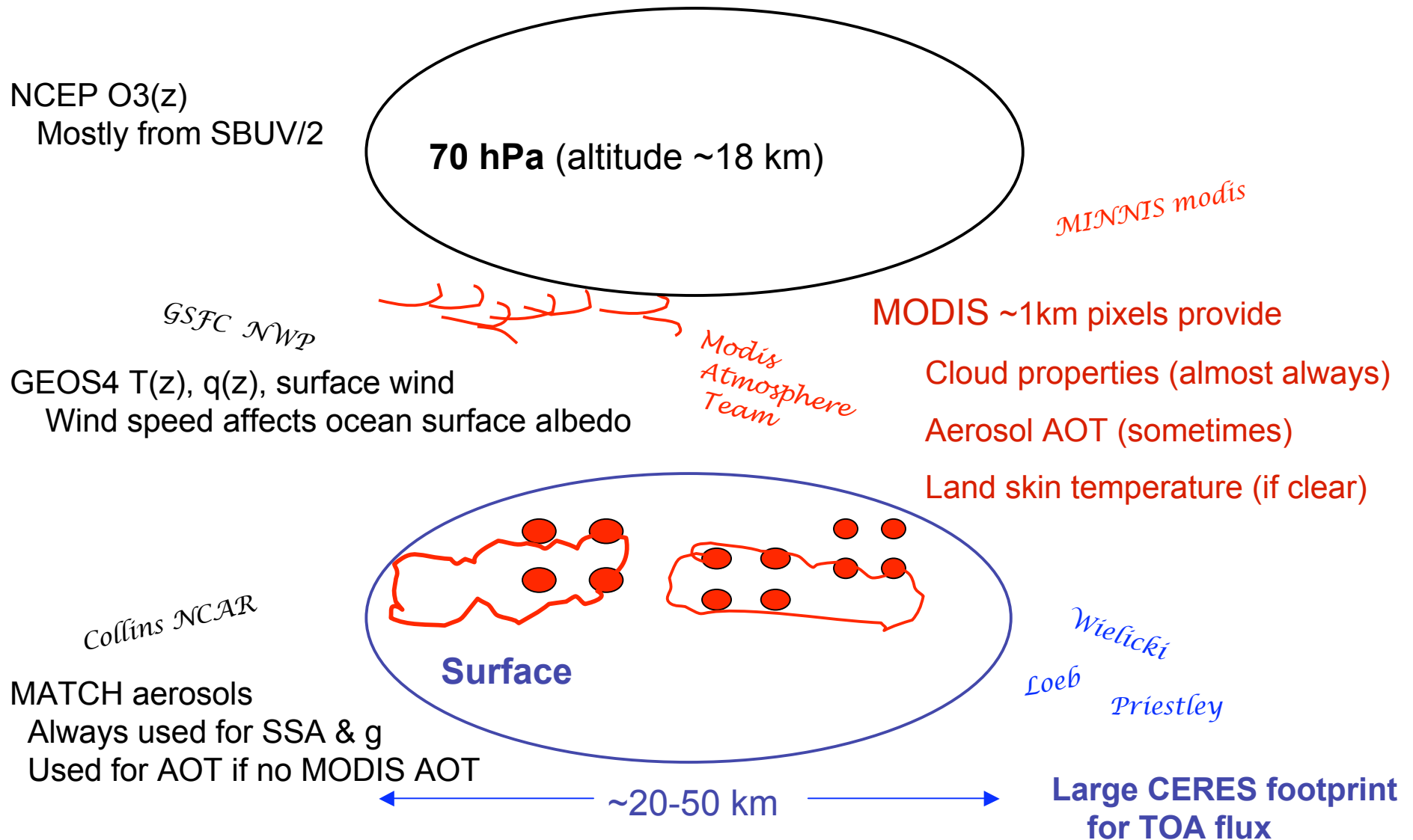
Instantaneous accuracy

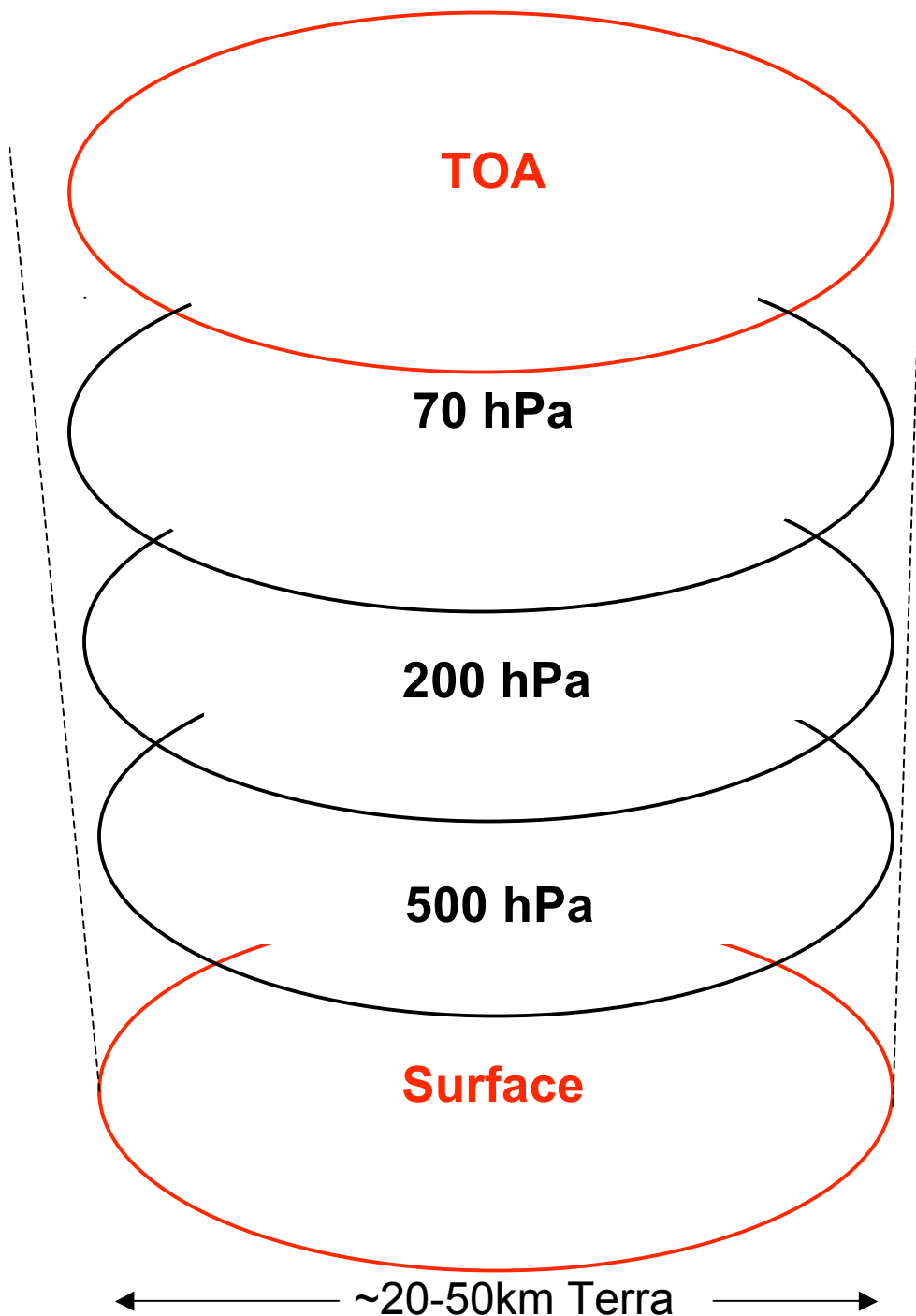
Interannual Variability

5. Cloudy-sky fluxes: Why we need CALIPSO
6. Land surface albedo
7. Invitation to the ice box: Cryosphere surface albedo

# Ungridded SARB vertical profile at ~2,000,000 CRS footprints/day

Langley Fu-Liou radiative transfer: Kato 2005 SW upgrade, retains Kratz-Rose window





## CERES CRS: Surface and Atmosphere Radiation Budget (SARB) Product

Tuned fluxes at all 5 levels  
All-sky & Clear-sky, Up & Down,  
SW and LW

Surface & TOA also have Untuned fluxes  
Fluxes with aerosols  
Pristine fluxes (no aerosols)

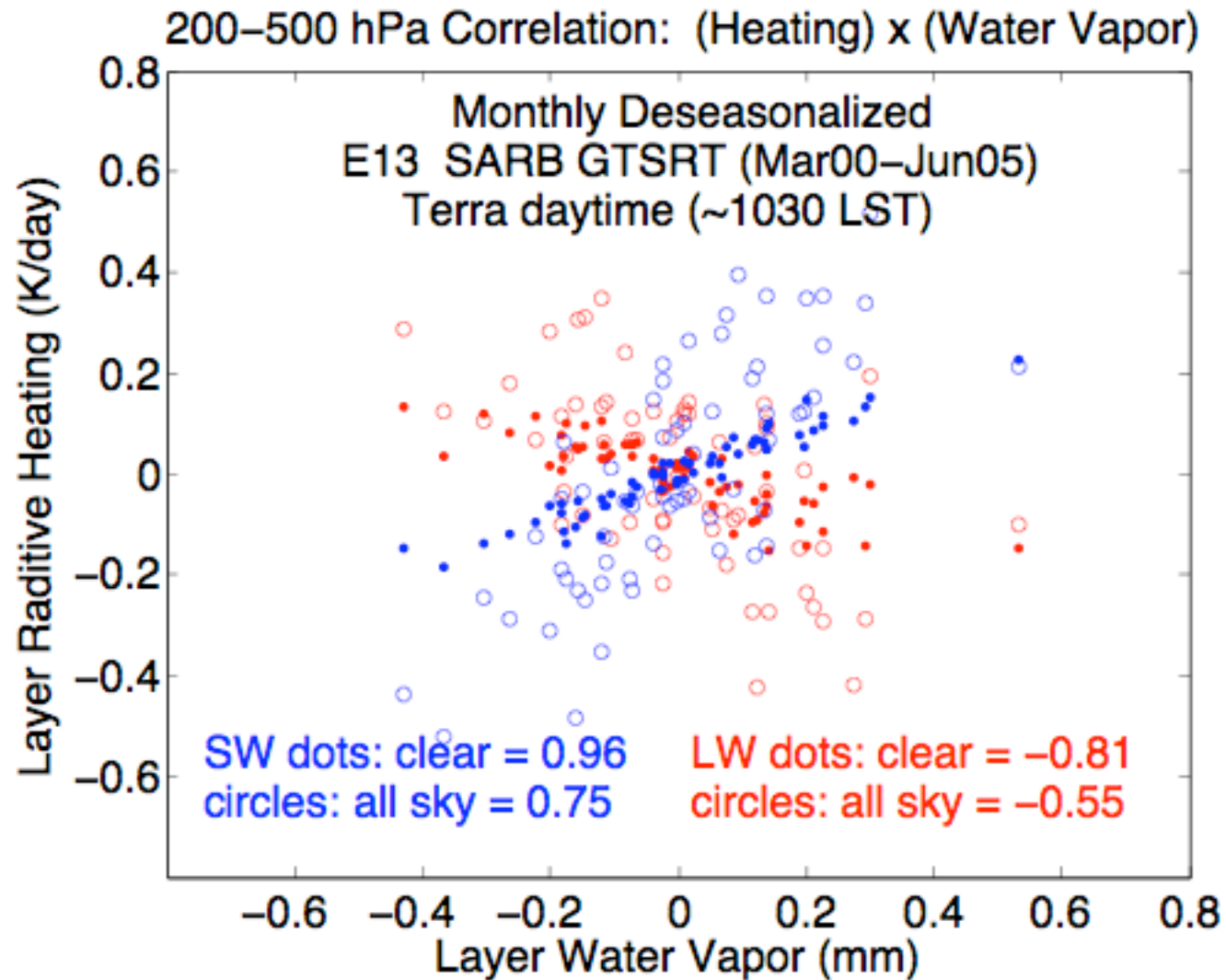
**Aerosol forcing for  
all-sky & clear-sky**

Tuning does NOT yield a perfect  
match to TOA observations.

Parameters adjusted when clear:  
Skin temperature, aerosol AOT,  
precipitable water (PW)

Parameters adjusted when cloudy:  
LWP/IWP, cloud top temperature,  
cloud fractional area within footprint

Example: using time series of flux profiles at a single site



SARB footprint (FOV) calculations are checked for Terra/Aqua/surface/TOA

- reflect more SW at TOA than observed by CERES ( $\sim 3\text{-}5\%$ ) --- ocean

Evidence for a similar tale over the clear Antarctic Plateau

- transmit more SW to surface for all-sky ( $\sim 2\%$ ) & clear-sky ( $0\text{-}1\%$ ) --- land

Interannual variability for all-sky SW is quite good.

Interannual variability of snow albedo effect is good.

~~Aerosol forcing has some credibility as seasonal mean~~

*but not for heavy dust sites, where  
aerosols spoil cloudy calculations.*

*Schuster will show SARB results for COVE platform*

- have less surface LW down than PIR ( $\sim 10 \text{ Wm}^{-2}$ ) --- land
- emit more daytime OLR than CERES ( $0\text{-}2 \text{ Wm}^{-2}$ )

And hint at possible drift in observed daytime OLR record

*Gridded 24-hour SYN1 now under testing; PAR and UV checked independently*

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<b>Untuned Aqua CRS Ed2A for 2003 at COVE</b>				
<b>All-sky flux</b>	Observed (Wm-2)	Sample (N)	Bias	RMS
LW Down SFC	334.7	660	9.3	18.8
LW Up SFC	389.0	581	20.1	25.2
SW Down SFC	537.9	300	-13.9	80.8
SW Up SFC	29.9	260	1.7	18.9
LW Up TOA	232.7	676	3.8	9.3
SW Up TOA	253.0	321	20.2	29.6

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SW Up TOA	253.0	321	5.7	11.0

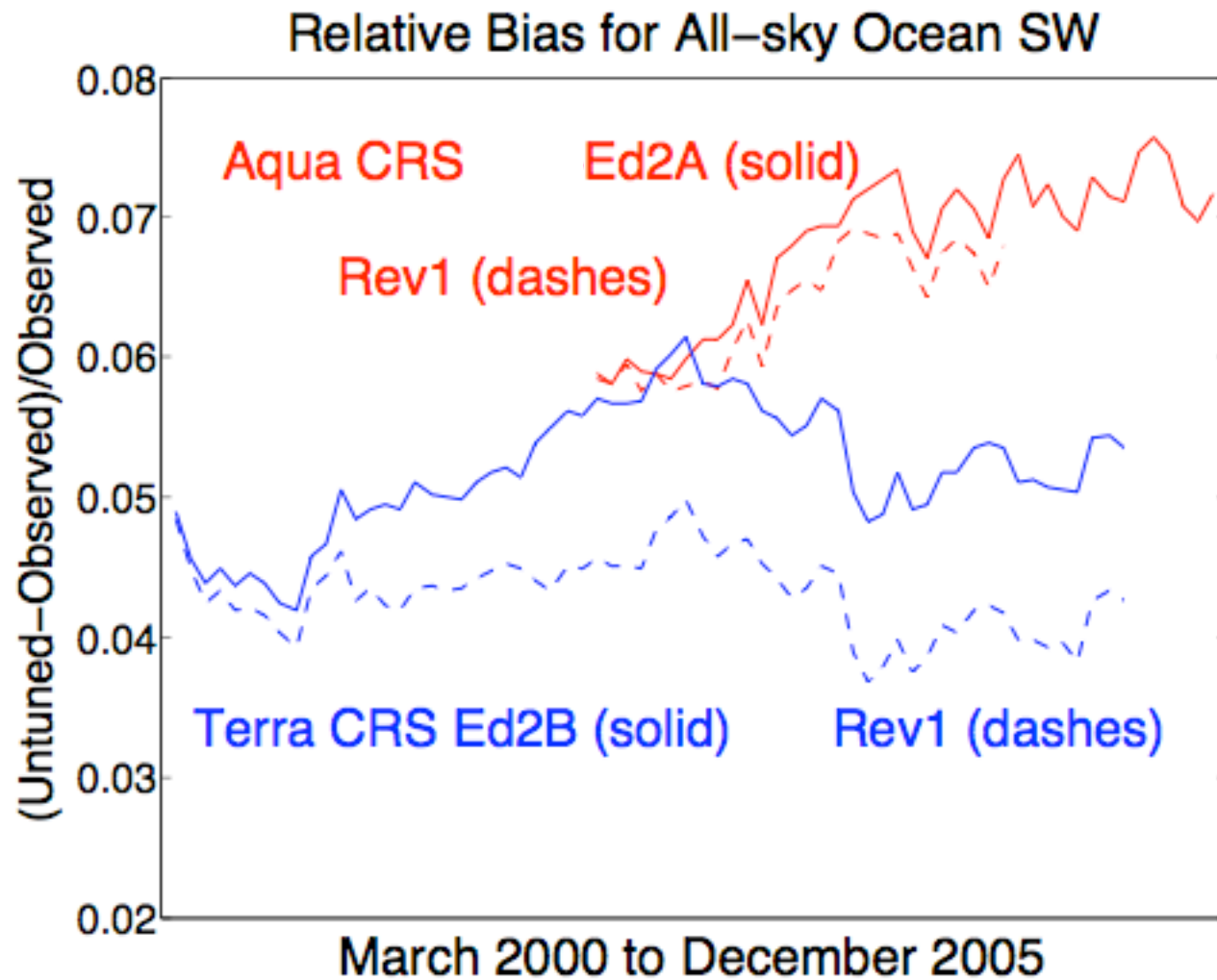
### Untuned Aqua CRS Ed2A for 2003 at CAVE (CVS)

All-sky flux	Observed (Wm-2)	Sample (N)	Bias	RMS
LW Down SFC	274.6	21288	-7.3	24.7
LW Up SFC	310.7	10911	-4.9	23.8
SW Down SFC	454.1	12385	6.8	105.9
SW Up SFC	107.3	6195	-23.4	50.2
LW Up TOA	219.6	25582	0.4	8.8
SW Up TOA	259.7	12220	7.1	25.0

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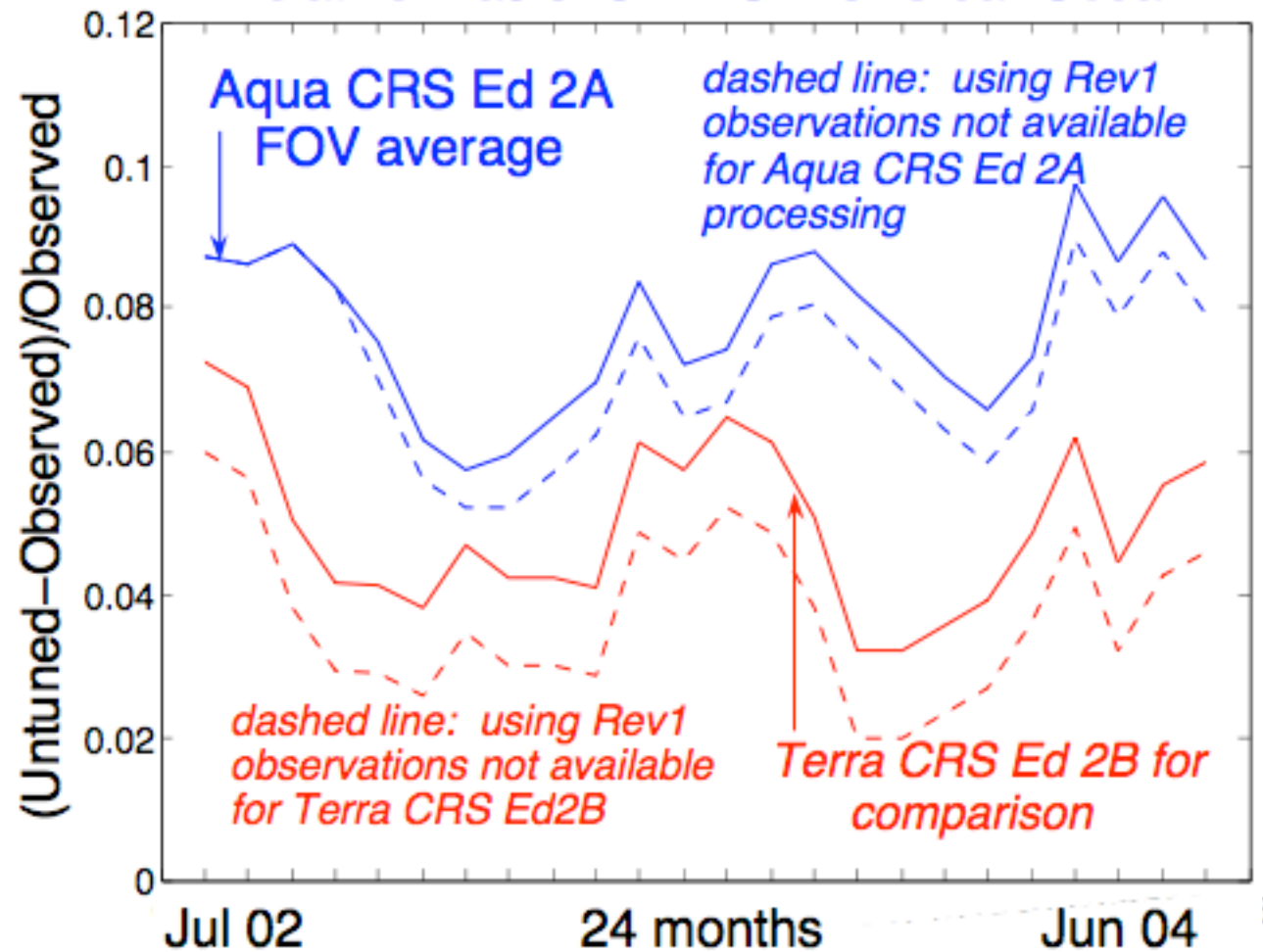
Clear-sky flux	Observed (Wm-2)	Sample (N)	Bias	RMS
LW Down SFC	239.3	3179	-11.2	19.5
LW Up SFC	284.0	2147	-0.3	14.8
SW Down SFC	645.6	1406	1.2	33.9
SW Up SFC	135.5	679	-25.6	36.9
LW Up TOA	246.0	4029	0.0	5.2
SW Up TOA	201.7	1402	-0.4	6.0





CRS: SARB statistics from the raw field of view (FOV) -- not gridded

## Relative Bias of SW TOA for Clear Ocean



**Clear Ocean During Day:  
Bias of Calculated SW up at TOA and AOT Source**

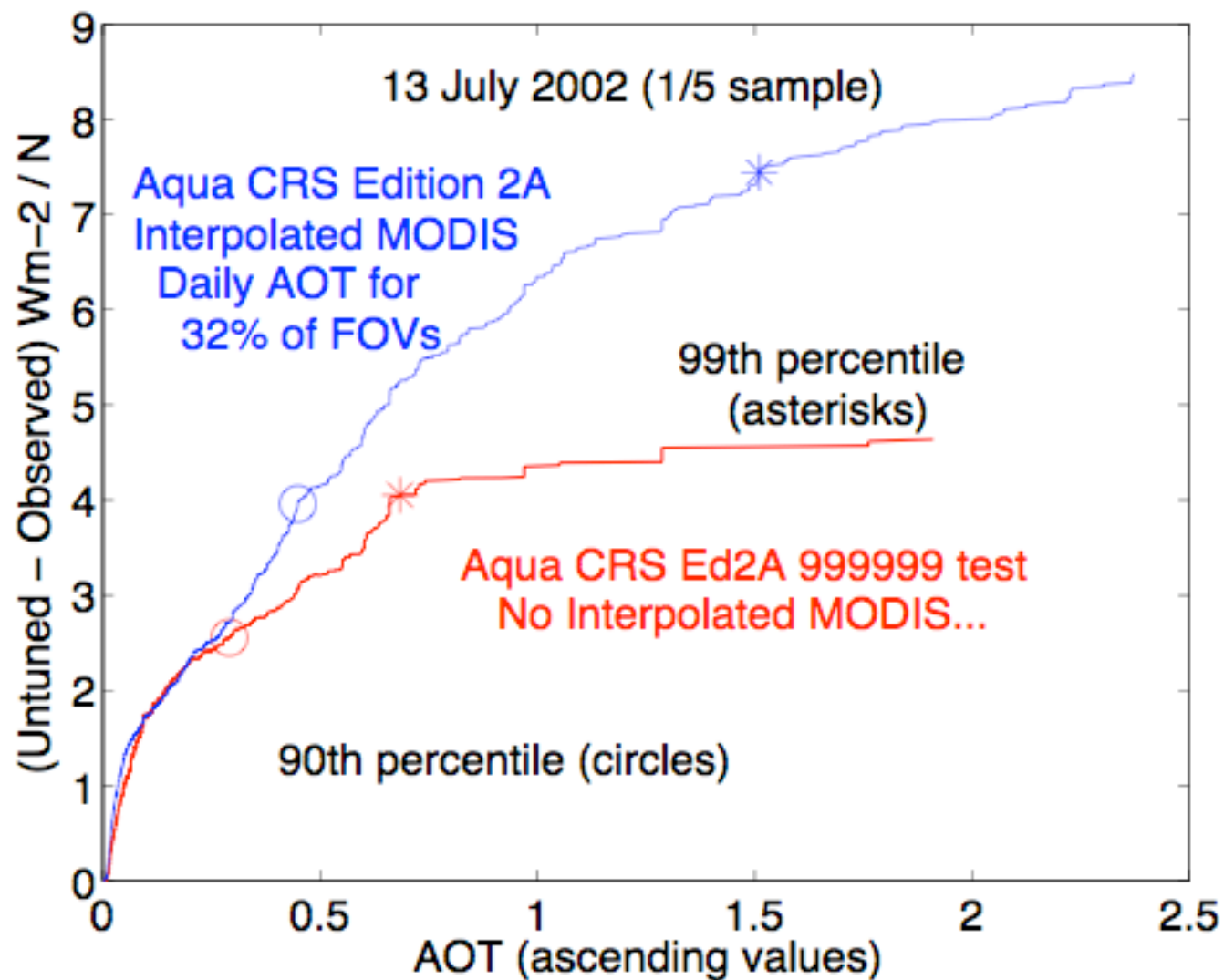
Aqua CRS Edition 2A (here all FM4)

Bias = (Untuned SW at TOA) - (Observed SW at TOA)

**Conclusion: Aqua CRS Ed2A interpolation for  
MODIS Daily Average AOT has defects.**

Source of AOT	Bias	RMS	AOT	FOV
	Wm-2	Wm-2	vis	(N)
<i>13 July 2002</i>				
MOD04 Instantaneous	2.7	5.4	0.08	13872
Interp MODIS Daily Avg	17.2	28.5	0.32	9549
<i>1 September 2002</i>				
MOD04 Instantaneous	4.9	6.8	0.09	12665
Inter. MODIS Daily Avg	3.0	9.5	0.14	12116
<i>2 March 2003</i>				
MOD04 Instantaneous	3.9	6.0	0.10	11421
Interp MODIS Daily Avg	23.8	35.1	0.44	3275

# Normalized Cumulative Bias of Clear Ocean SW



NOAA SURFRAD sites have MFRSR spectral AOT observations  
in addition to quality broadband radiometry.

We use MFRSR at sites below (except Desert Rock and Fort Peck)  
for a look at SARB AOT inputs.



ille, IL] [Boulder, CO] [Desert Rock, NV] [Fort Peck, MT] [Goodwin Creek, MS]  
State, PA] [Sioux Falls, SD]

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Aerosol Input over ARM E13 SGP and SURFRAD  
(Bonville, Goodwin Creek, PSU, Sioux Falls, Table Mtn.)

Terra CRS Ed 2B

Source of Input	N	CRS	MFRSR
(All FOVs < 25km )	8888	0.15	0.08
MATCH	360	0.15	0.10
MODIS Instantaneous	4273	0.18	0.11
Interpolated MODIS Daily	4247	0.13	0.06

Aqua CRS Ed 2A (will be re-run)

Source of Input	N	CRS	MFRSR
(All FOVs < 25km )	4247	0.20	0.07
MATCH	806	0.10	0.07
MODIS Instantaneous	1371	0.16	0.09
Interpolated MODIS Daily	1770	0.28	0.06

Interpolation error due to CRS, not MODIS Team

SW Aerosol Forcing at ARM E13 SGP and SURFRAD  
(Bonville, Goodwin Creek, PSU, Sioux Falls, Table Mtn.)

Terra CRS Ed2B and Aqua CRS Ed2A nearest FOVs

SSF scene ID and routine SARB AOT input

Mean SW insolation = 705 Wm<sup>-2</sup> (N = 1654)

**Clear sky SW condition**

Aerosol Forcing Wm-2	Flux Bias Wm-2	Flux RMS Wm-2
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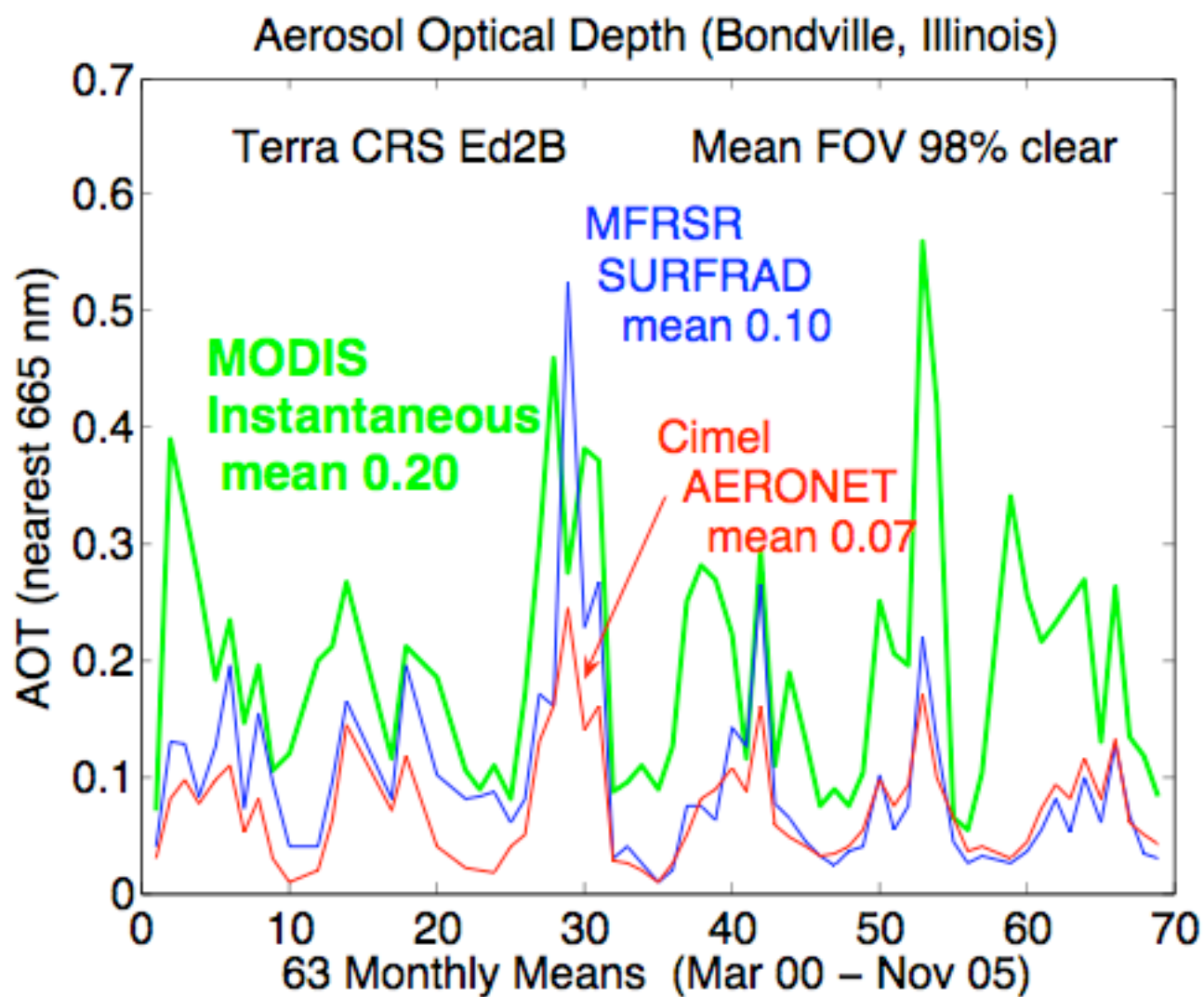
SSF scene ID/CRS AOT	-20	-0	24
<i>MFRSR AOT adjustment</i>	<i>-11</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>21</i>

*Plus surface cloud screening:*

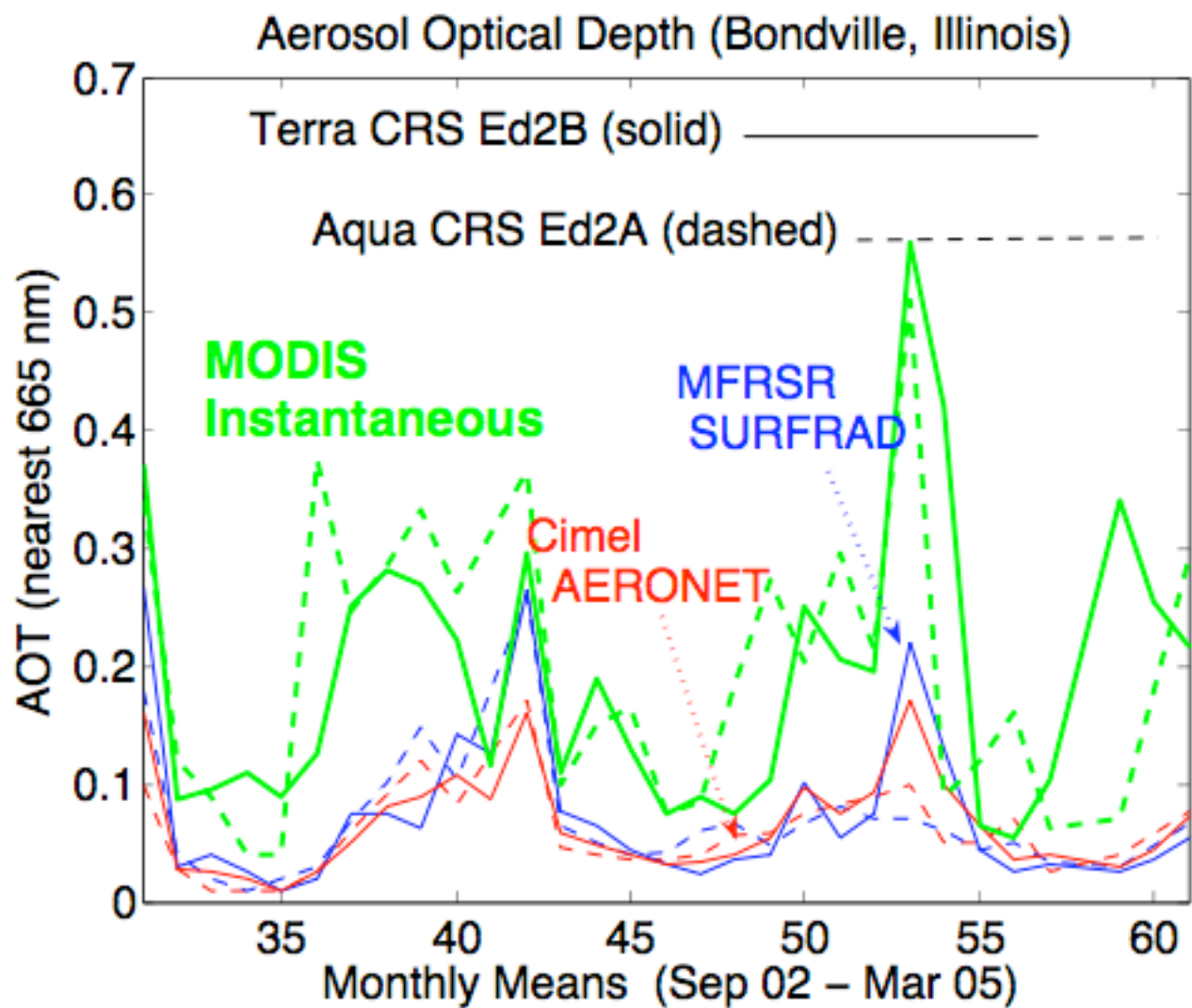
<i>SSF scene ID/CRS AOT</i>	<i>-16</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>MFRSR AOT adjustment</i>	<i>-9</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>20</i>

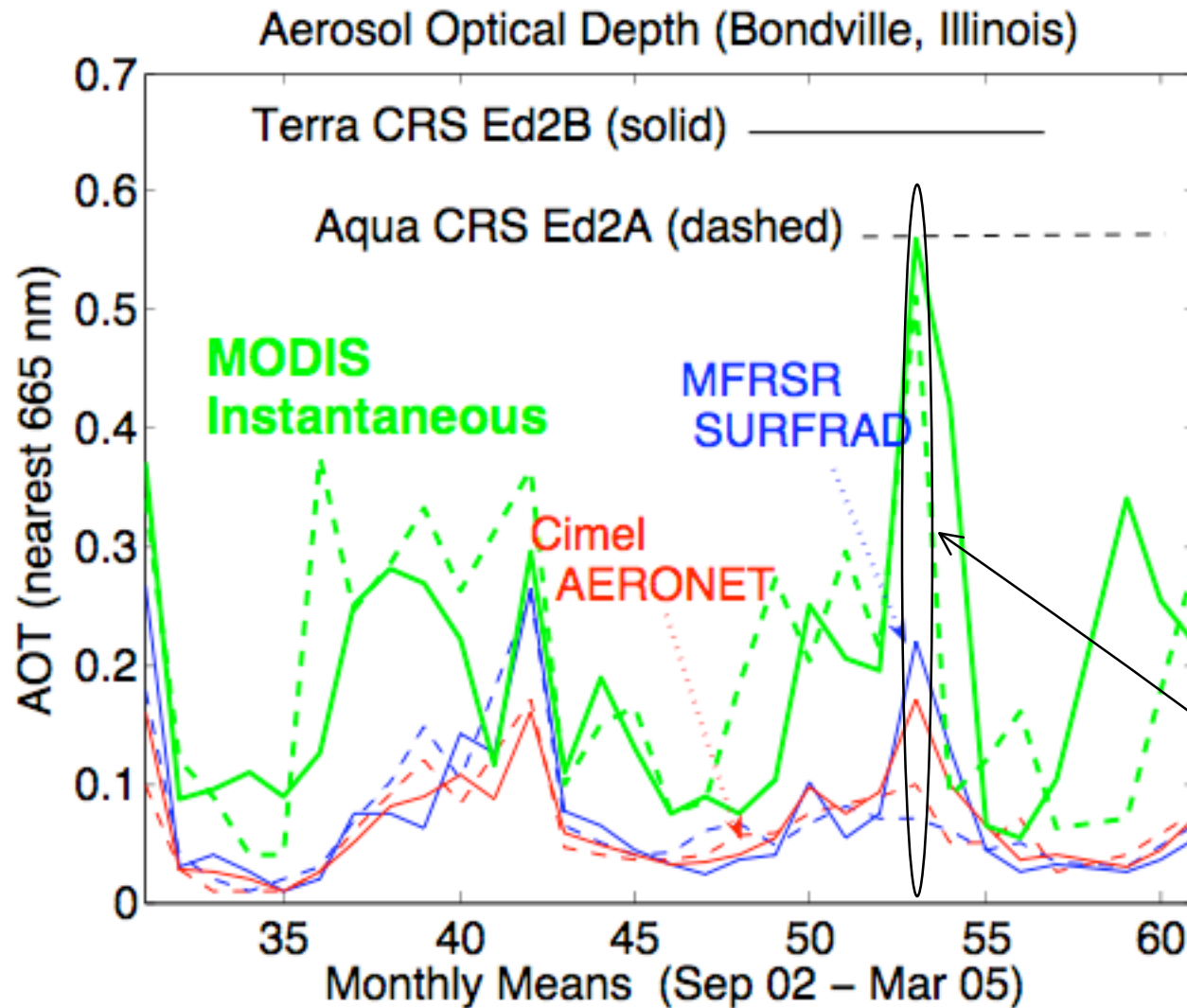
**Terra (Aqua) bias = 0.31 (-2.93) Wm<sup>-2</sup>**

Pristine (no aerosol) fluxes, AOT inputs, and with-aerosol fluxes are archived, here allowing MFRSR AOT adjustment. Flux bias (RMS) is larger (smaller) with MFRSR adjustment.









Note the oval marking August 2004. **MFRSR** and **Cimel** and then show high AOT in morning (solid lines) but low AOT in afternoon (dashed). **MODIS Instantaneous** is excessively high and equal for both times.

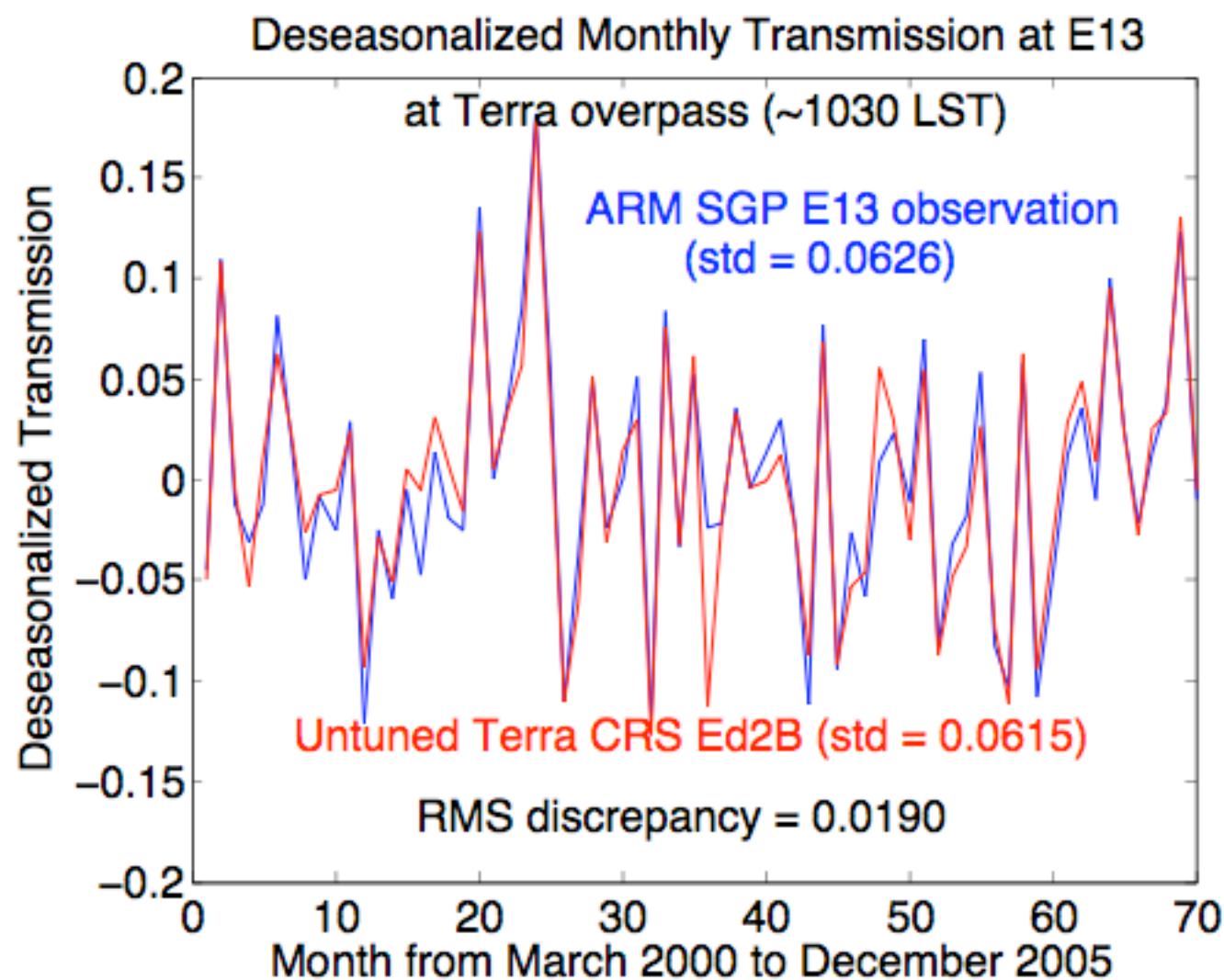
## A close look at retrieved SW insolation at ARM SGP E13

BIAS    RMS    of Untuned Terra CRS Ed2B (Wm-2)		
All sky N=1876		
1.7	90.6	ARM Best Estimate (BEF)
-2.8	92.3	C01
4.1	88.3	E13
Clear    SSF    N=581		
-2.7	16.9	ARM Best Estimate (BEF)
-7.7	32.8	C01 ( <i>diffuse &gt; 400 Wm-2 on two days</i> )
1.1	17.3	E13
Clear    SSF    +    Surface N=208		
-3.6	15.0	ARM Best Estimate (BEF)
-6.7	17.3	C01
-0.6	15.6	E13
Overcast SSF N=389		
9.0	96.1	ARM Best Estimate (BEF)
7.6	97.1	C01
8.6	95.8	E13

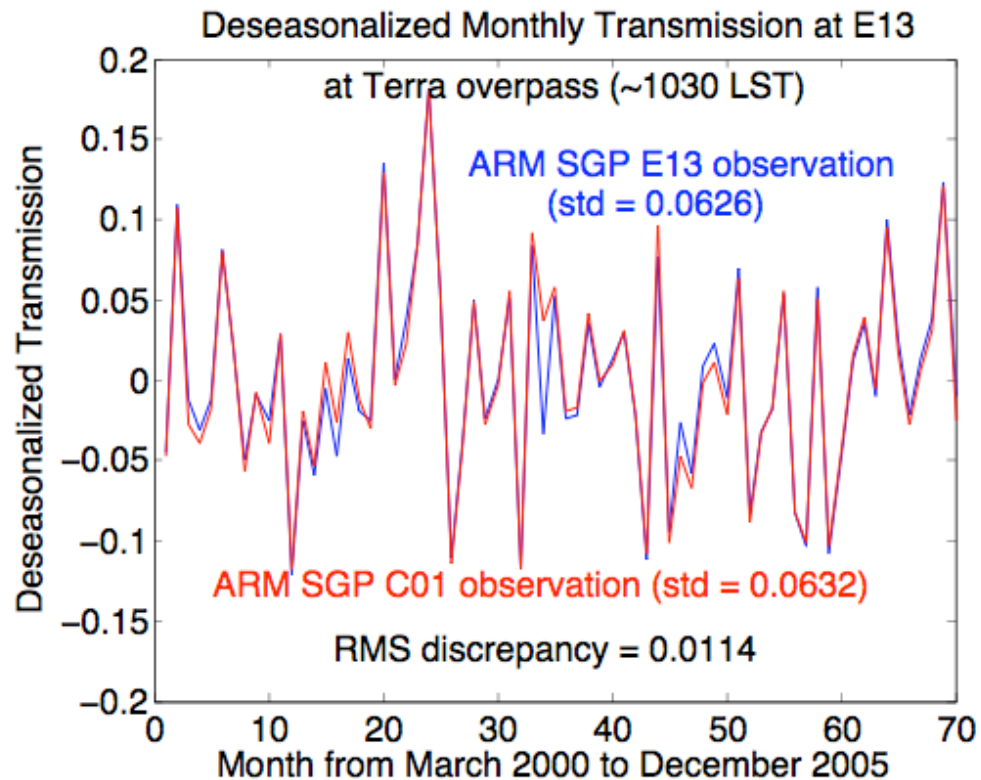
*Each row of a matrix has same domain.*

Comparison of retrieved insolation with collocated (C01 and E13) data sets.

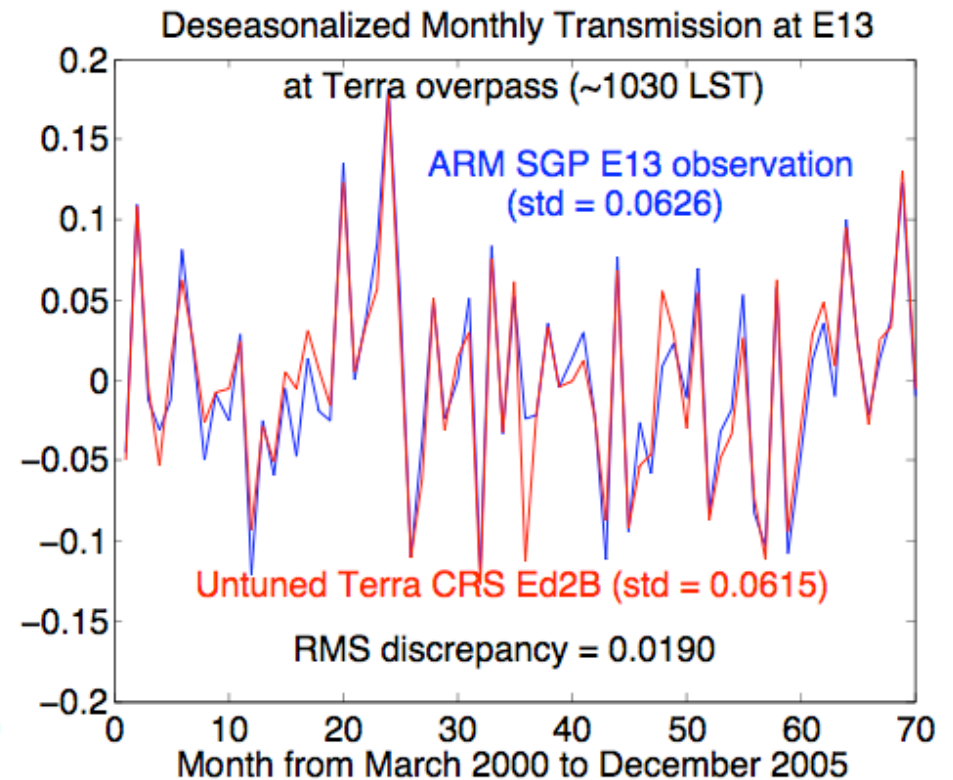
Table is instantaneous (not deseasonalized).



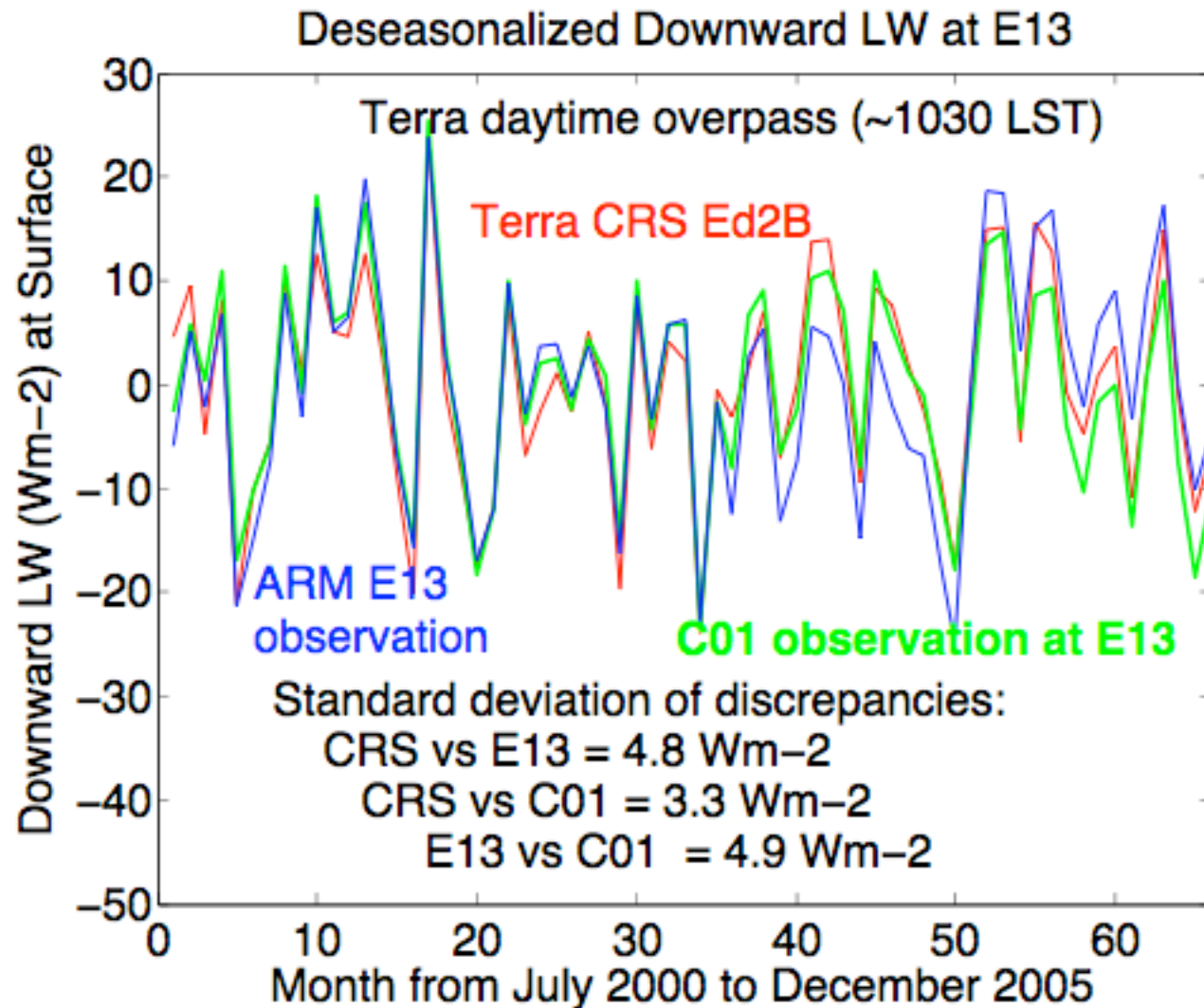
## Measurements vs Measurements



## Retrieval vs Measurements



RMS of deseasonalized SARB SW retrieval with E13 measurement (0.0190)  
is larger than RMS of deseasonalized E13 with C01 measurements (0.014).



Instantaneous statistics for comparison:

Bias (RMS) of C01 w.r.t E13 = -6.1 (8.5)

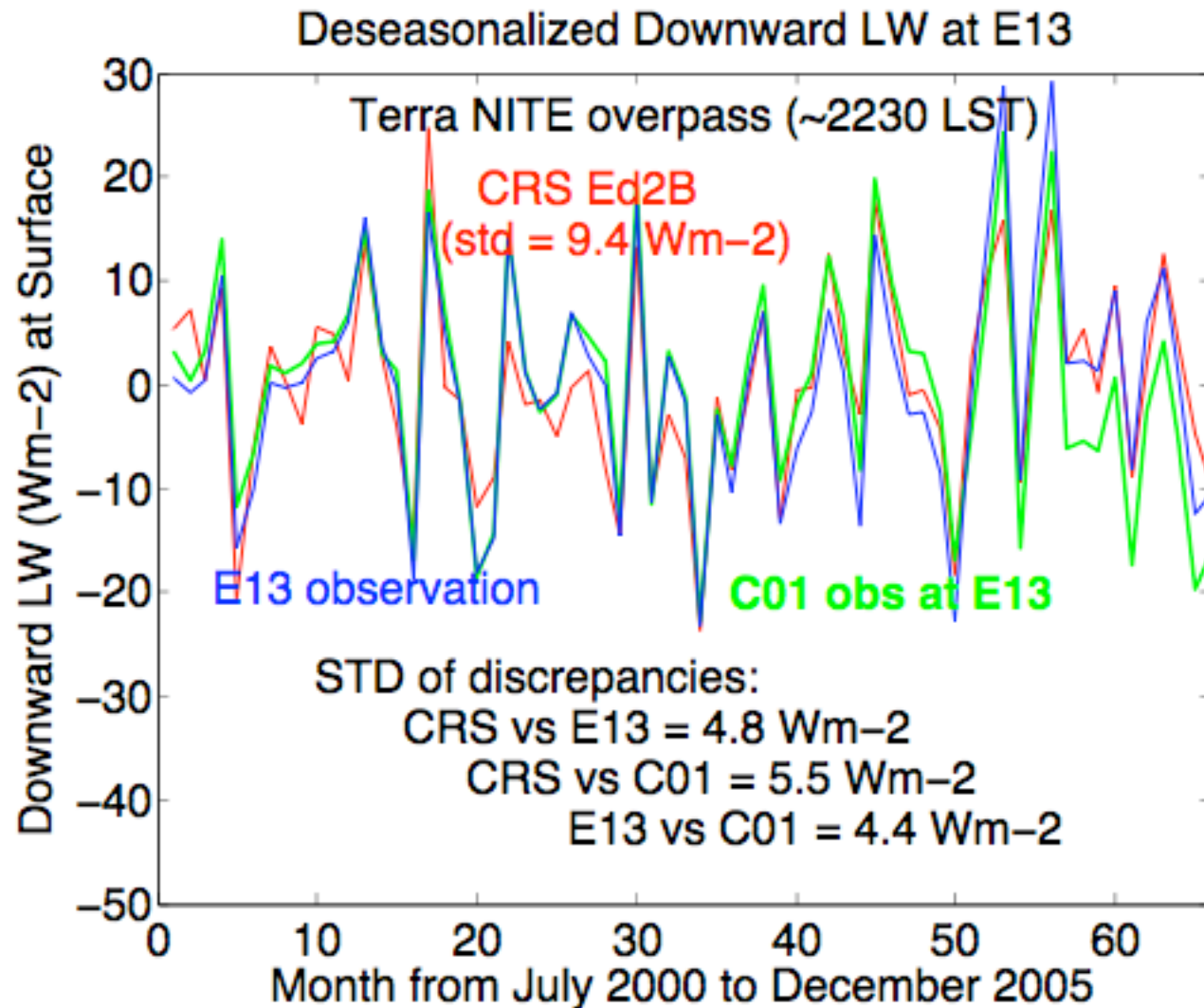
Bias (RMS) of CRS w.r.t. E13 = -13.3 (19.3)

Mean of E13 observations = 346.1 Wm<sup>-2</sup>

instrument to instrument

retrieval to instrument





Instantaneous statistics for comparison:

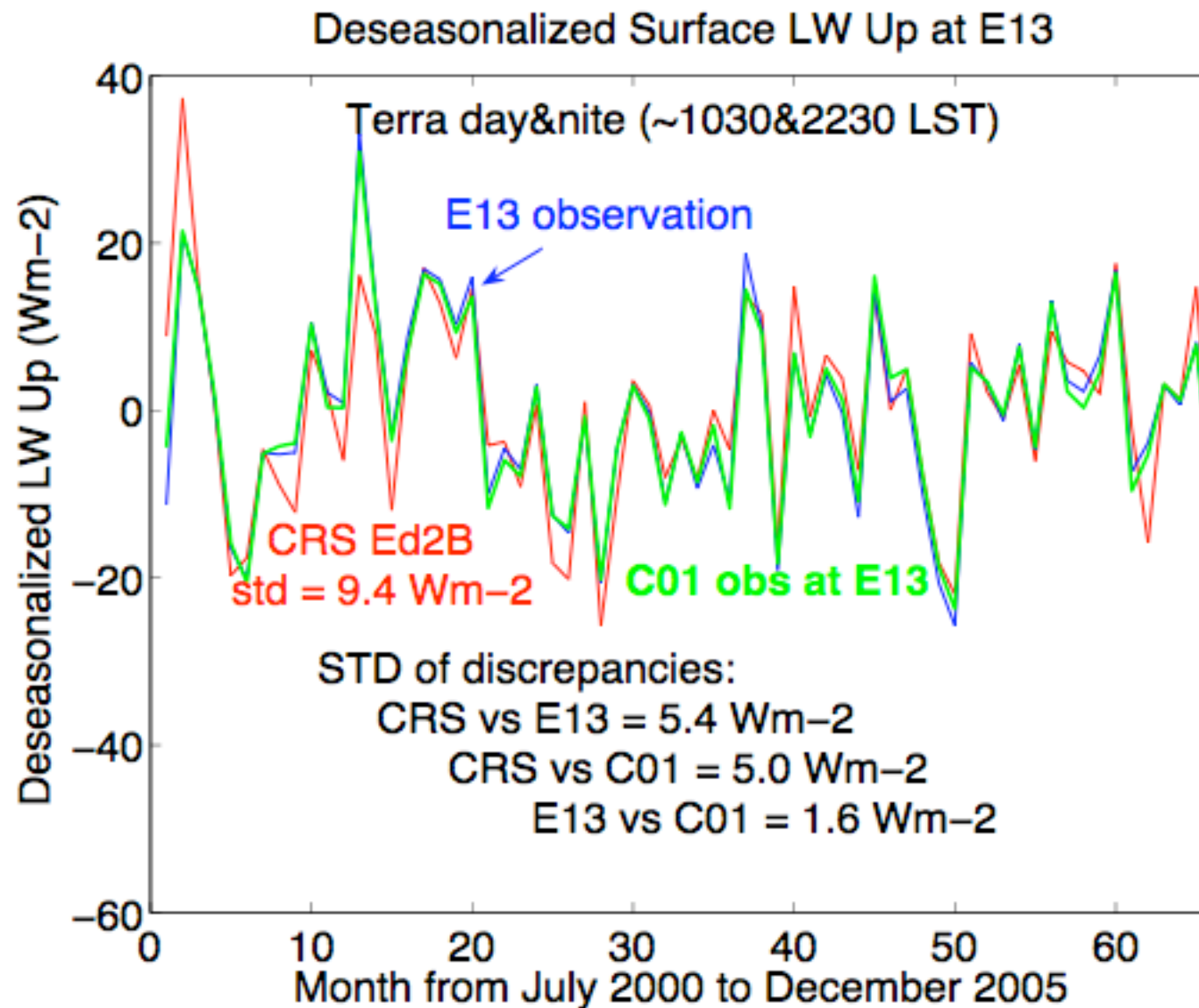
Bias (RMS) of C01 w.r.t E13 = -4.9 (6.8)

Bias (RMS) of CRS w.r.t. E13 = -7.9 (17.8)

Mean of E13 observations = 330.8 Wm<sup>-2</sup>

instrument to instrument

retrieval to instrument



Instantaneous statistics for comparison:

Bias (RMS) of C01 w.r.t E13 = -4.6 (6.3)

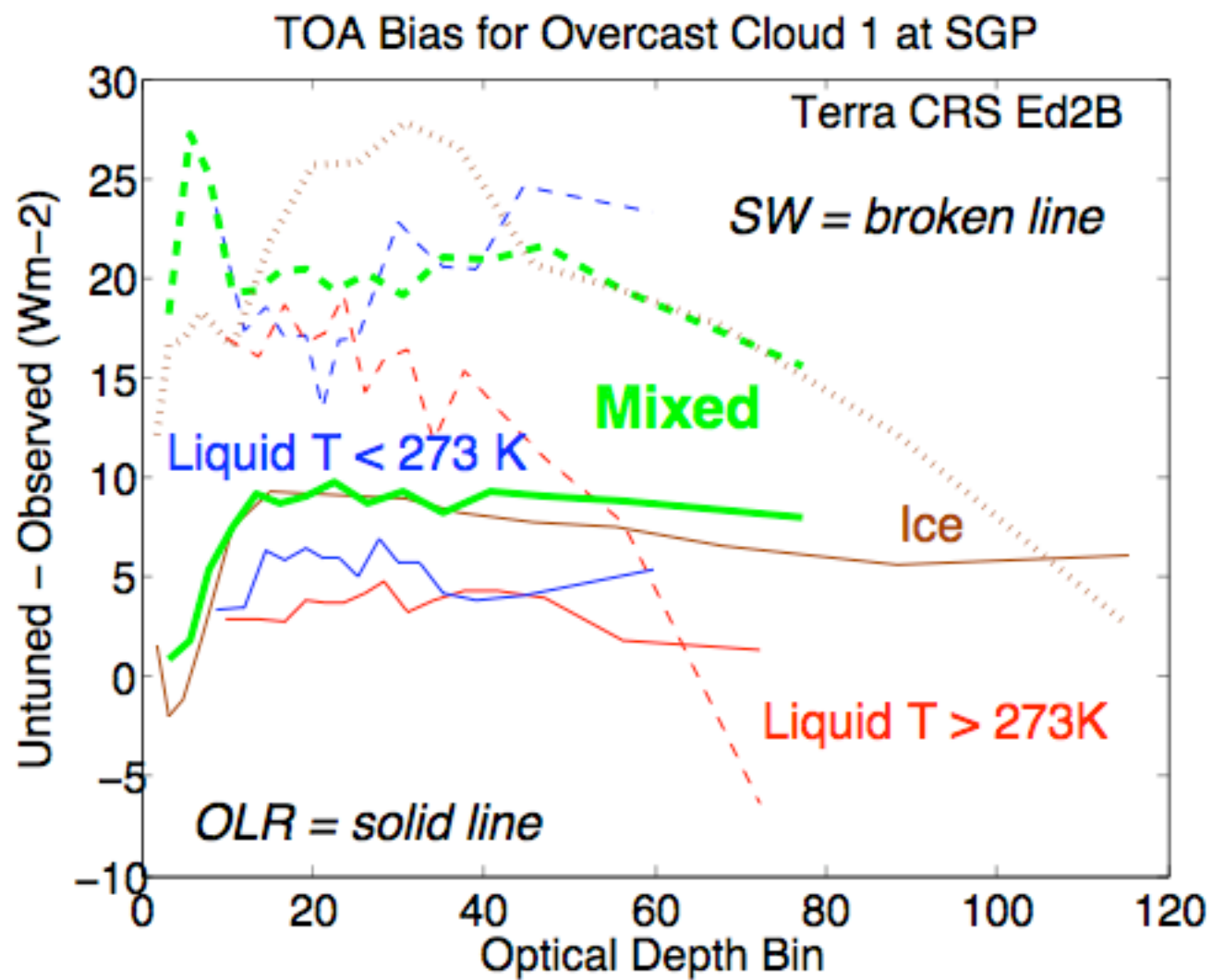
Bias (RMS) of CRS w.r.t. E13 = -5.0 (25.1)

Mean of E13 observations = 404.5 Wm<sup>-2</sup>

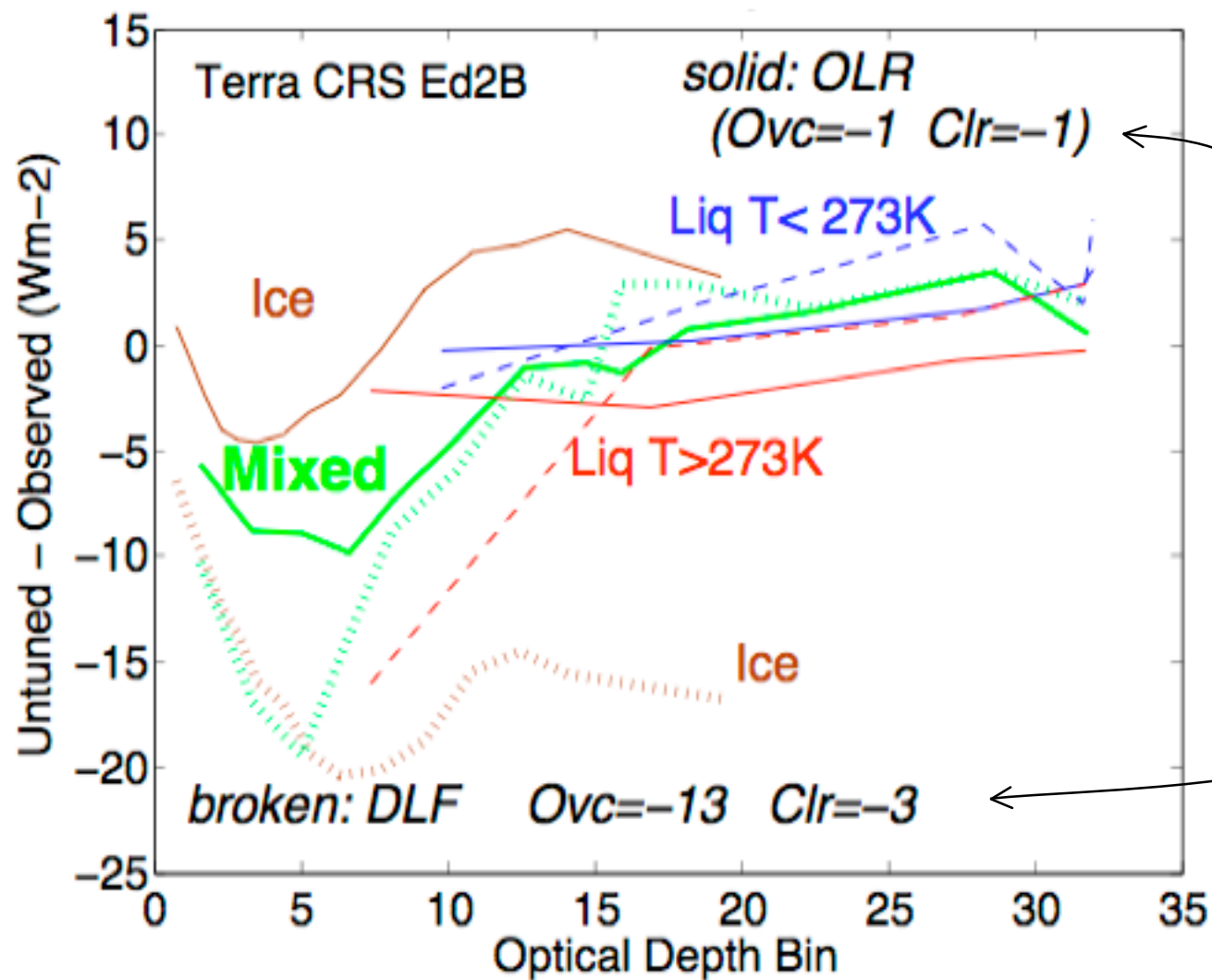
instrument to instrument

retrieval to instrument



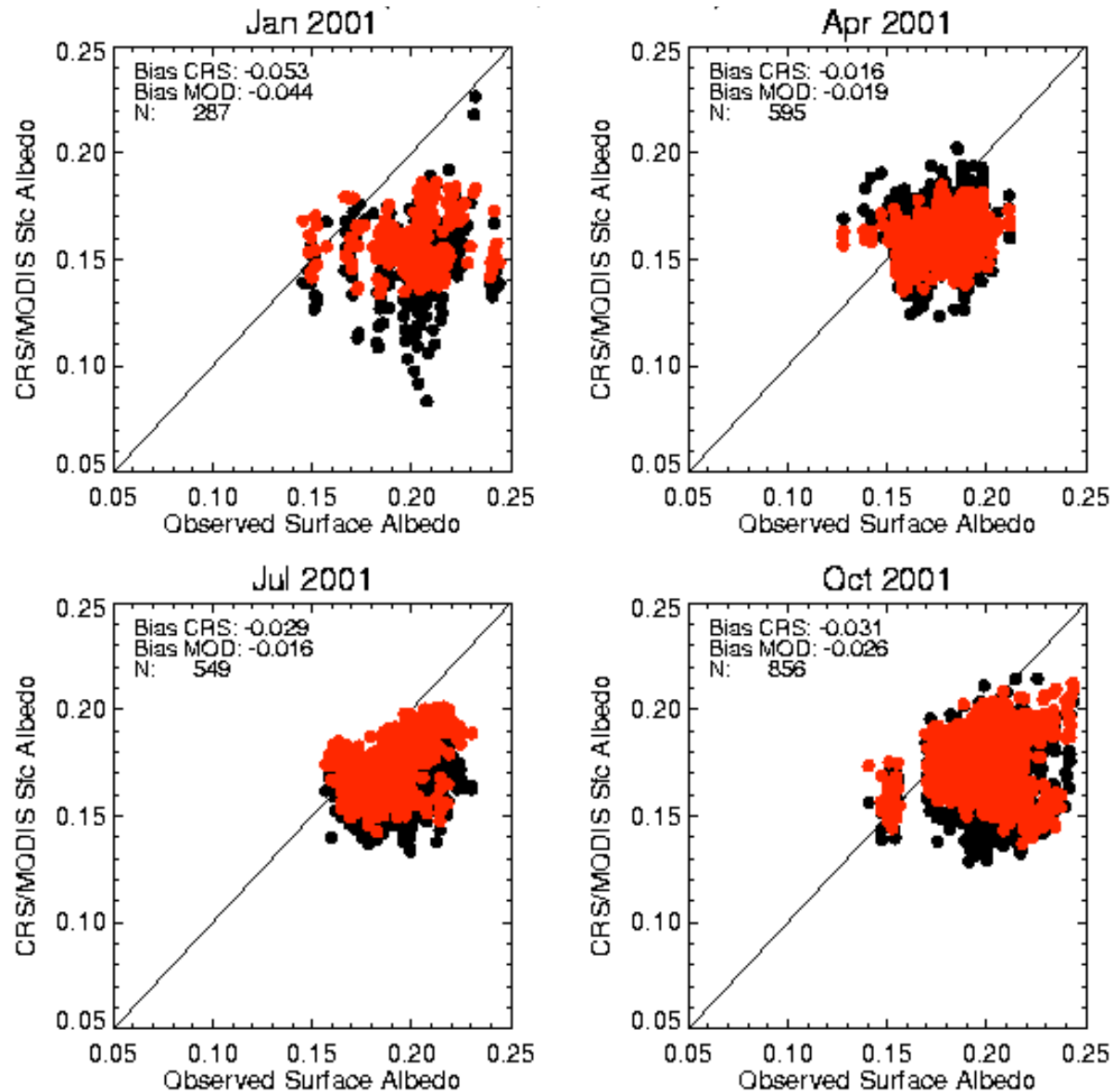


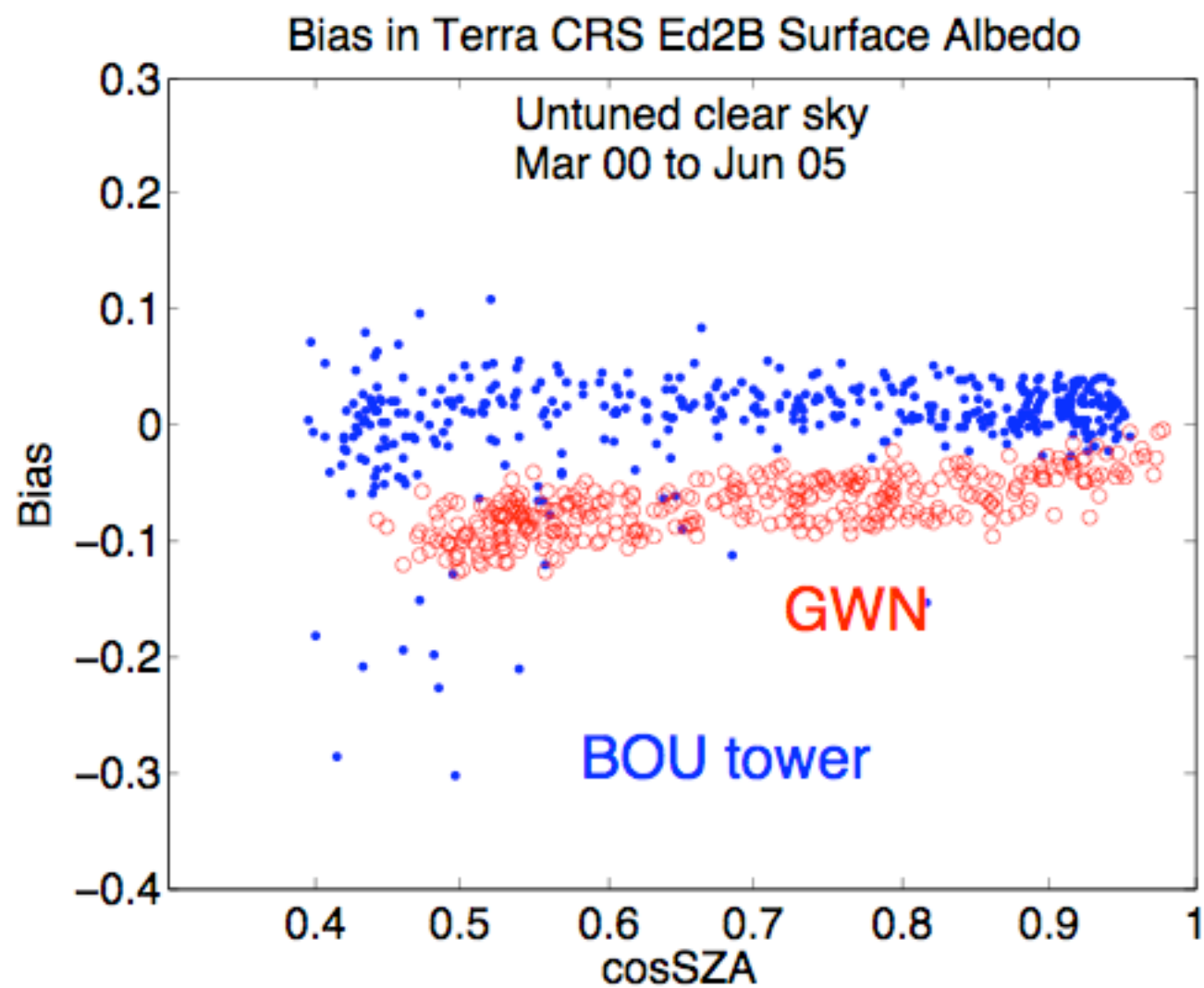
# LW bias at SGP -- Nite Overcast



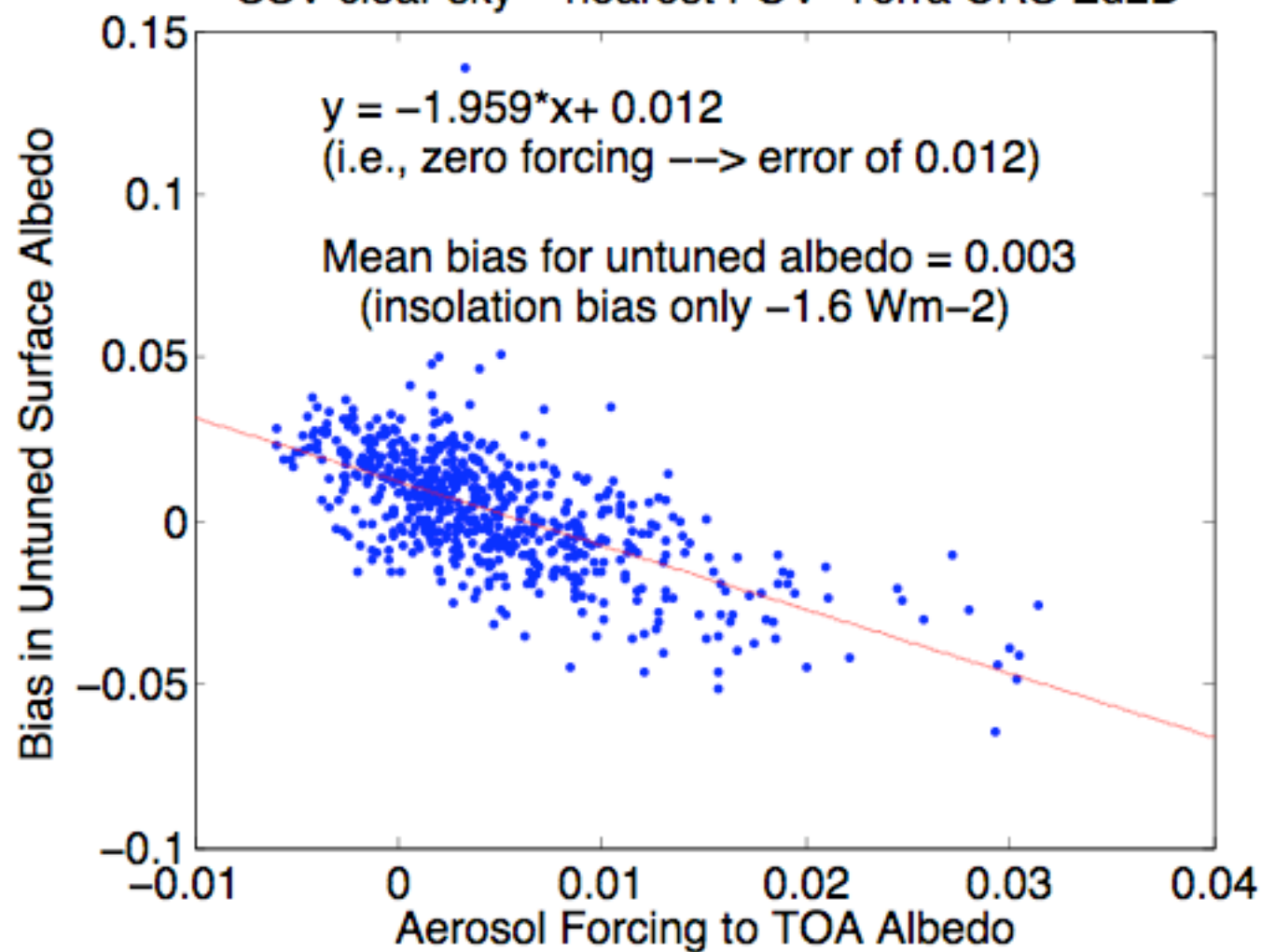
*Mean biases  
for Overcast  
and Clear sky*

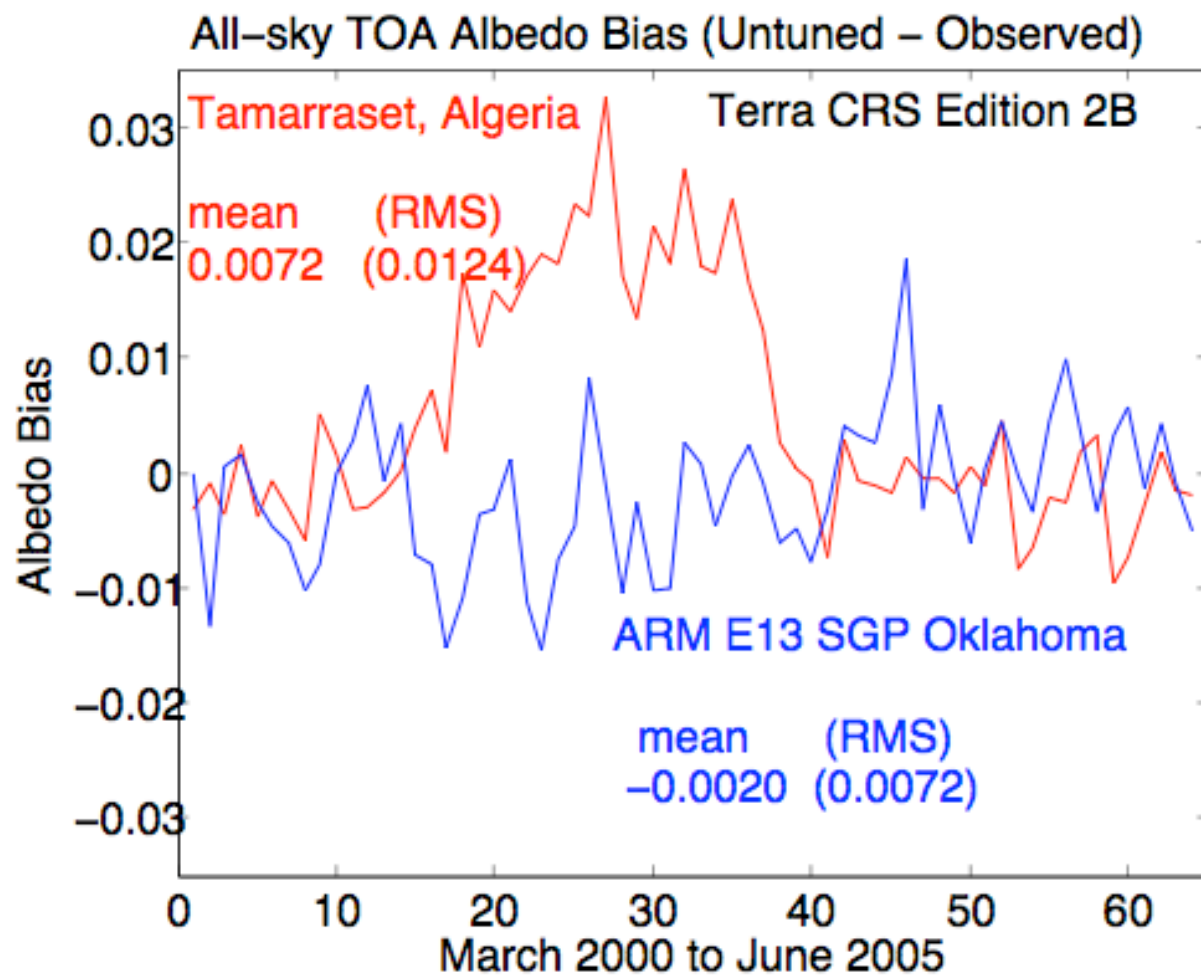
# Rutan-Crystal comparison of MODIS/CERES/ARM Surface Albedo at SGP

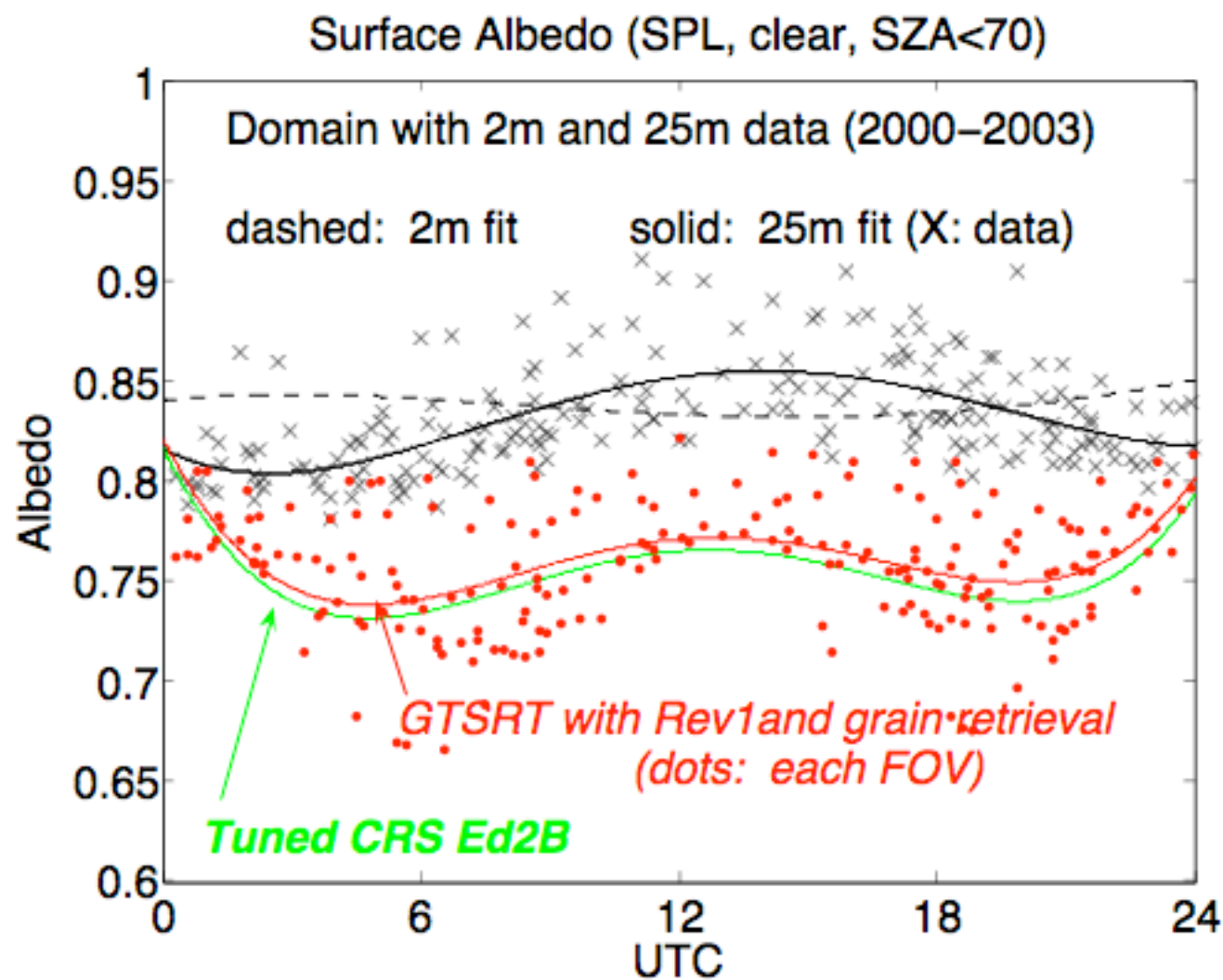




SSV clear sky – nearest FOV Terra CRS Ed2B

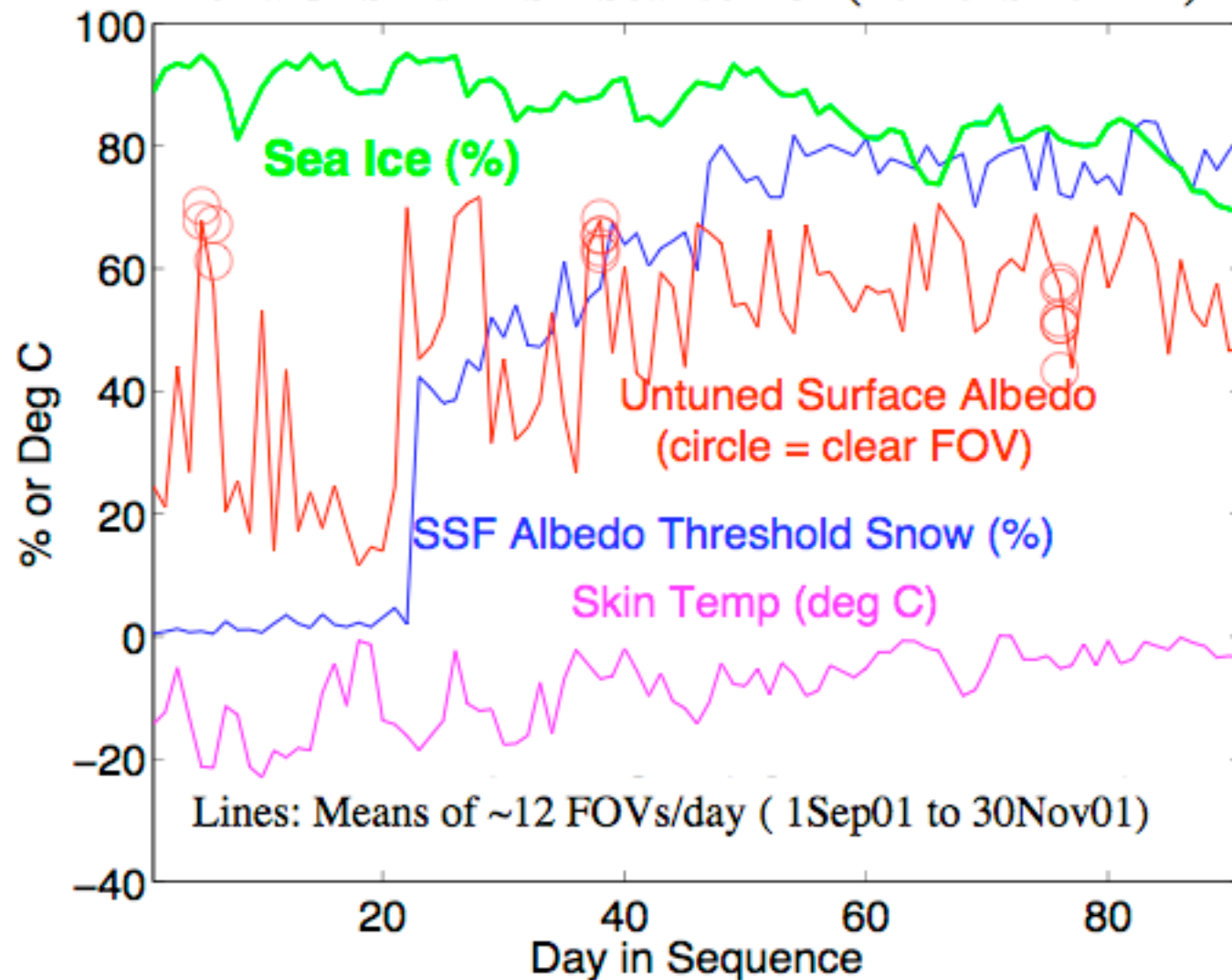






Corrected date: 1 Sep 01 to 30 Nov 01

Terra CRS Ed2B SH Sea Ice Box (~61-62S 40-42E)





1. Aerosol problems with Aqua CRS Edition 2A; will correct as Ed 2B
2. Check with land photometer data shows AOT input remains problematic
3. Surface fluxes: Retrieval vs measurements and measurements vs measurements

Instantaneous accuracy: As reported on CAVE

Interannual Variability: Better than expected at SGP for

downwelling SW and LW; upwelling LW not perfect

4. Cloudy-sky fluxes: Surface LW problems at night, OLR problems in day
5. Surface albedo / aerosol relation limits ability to compute TOA albedo accurately
6. Invitation to the ice box: Cryosphere surface albedo increasing during spring melt (at a few places...)

SARB/SOFA meets jointly with Cloud WG for Inamdar GOES LST presentation,  
then separately for surface albedo issues,  
including Rutan's MODIS/CERES comparison

